

mentioned in that article, are life sentences, the Federal sentencing guidelines, and solitary confinement.

I am supplementing to this statement and to the article an appropriations proposal. Were it here during the appropriations process, I would submit this proposal so that it may be integrated into future appropriations vehicles.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of several pieces of legislation that I am proud to co-sponsor on behalf of the people of Georgia's 5th Congressional District.

First, I will highlight several pieces of legislation critical to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. As a survivor of COVID-19, I know firsthand the pain and difficulty this terrible disease has caused too many Americans.

Health care is a right, not a privilege. Ensuring that every American has high-quality health care is never more important than during a pandemic that has claimed nearly 300,000 American lives. That is why I support H.R. 6317, the Ensuring Coverage in Public Health Emergencies Act, introduced by the gentleman from Texas, Mr. DOGGETT, and hope to be added as a co-sponsor this week. This bill would create a special 30-day enrollment period during public health emergencies to allow employees to enroll in health plans. It also would require coverage of services like vaccines, diagnostic testing, and treatment and care.

As we fight the pandemic, it is critical to address the racial and ethnic disparities in how COVID-19 affects Americans. Systemic health, economic, and social inequities mean that minority communities have borne the worst of this terrible disease—in cases, deaths, jobs lost, and pay cut. We are, sadly, not all in this together. H.R. 6585, the Equitable Data Collection and Disclosure on COVID-19 Act, and H.R. 6763, the COVID-19 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Task Force Act, were both introduced by the gentlewoman from Illinois, Ms. KELLY. These bills will provide critical information and attention to this problem and help to mitigate the effects that this disease has had on communities like the ones I represent, and I look forward to being added as a co-sponsor.

Black women experience some of the worst systemic disparities in health, housing, employment, and education. I am proud to support two other bills co-sponsored by Congresswoman KELLY of Illinois and hope to be added as a co-sponsor. H.R. 8196, the Protect Black Women and Girls Act would establish an Interagency Task Force to examine the complex problems and make recommendations for policy changes to help increase opportunity for our mothers, sisters, and daughters. H.R. 1897, the Mothers and Offspring Mortality and Morbidity Awareness (MOMMA's) Act, will direct federal resources to prevent maternal mortality and expand Medicaid to cover one year of postpartum needs. Georgia faces a crisis: My state has the worst maternal mortality rate in the country, and many women, particularly women of color, lack access to critical pre- and postpartum services and lack health insurance. We know that we all do better when we all do better, and as we rebuild our country from the ruin caused by the pandemic, we must leave no one behind.

During a time in which we need people to stay home as much as possible, but people

have lost jobs and income, it is more critical than ever to provide critical housing assistance. The CARES Act provided many homeowners with the right to have all mortgage payments completely paused for a period of time. Renters, however, face a patchwork of regulations across the country that leave them in more uncertain positions. That is why I co-sponsored H.R. 6820, the Emergency Rental Assistance and Rental Market Stabilization Act, introduced by Mr. HECK of Washington. This bill would provide \$100 million in emergency assistance to help prevent people at risk of homelessness from finding themselves on the street. Especially as coronavirus cases rise and as the weather gets colder, we must ensure that as many people as possible are able to safely find the protection and dignity of their own home.

Our nation's experience with COVID-19 has highlighted this country's need for paid family and medical leave. H.R. 1185, the FAMILY Act, introduced by the gentlewoman from Connecticut, Ms. DELAURO, would create a new paid family and medical leave system run by the Social Security Administration. Under this system, workers and employers would split the very modest cost of the program. Paid leave benefits employers and employees alike—workers have time and flexibility to help themselves or their families through personal crises, while employers can afford to keep trained workers on the job. But the United States is the only rich nation without it. Paid leave would have helped save countless jobs and businesses during this difficult year.

Sadly, COVID-19 is not the only epidemic facing the American people. This summer, the rest of the country was reminded of what my constituents in Metro Atlanta know all too well: that people of color, particularly African-Americans, face systemic racism every day. Sometimes, this discrimination manifests itself as unnecessary and brutal police violence, as we saw in the murders of George Floyd, Breanna Taylor, and, in my district, Rayshard Brooks. Black Lives Matter, and their Black Lives Mattered.

I have co-sponsored legislation to ensure police treat citizens with dignity and respect and are accountable to the communities they serve. First, I am proud to introduce a bill aimed at abolishing qualified immunity, which helps shield police officers who break the law from accountability. H.R. 4408, the Eric Garner Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act, introduced by the chairman of our caucus, Mr. JEFFRIES of New York, would forbid the use of police chokeholds. I also support H.R. 7100, the George Floyd Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act, introduced by the gentlewoman from Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE. This comprehensive legislation improves accountability by introducing new accreditation standards related to use of force, civilian review, and other provisions like training and data collection.

We also must do all we can to erase the bitter legacy left by enslavement and forced bondage. H.R. 40, sponsored by the gentlewoman from Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE, would create a commission to study and develop reparations proposals for African-Americans. Black communities today still suffer from the wages, property, and rights stolen by slavery and Jim Crow. We must also work to end the forced labor that still exists due to mass incarceration, and I am proud to introduce a constitutional amendment to end that horrific practice that perpetuates human suffering.

H.R. 7217, the Confederate Monument Removal Act, introduced by the gentlewoman from California, Ms. LEE, would remove all Confederate memorials from the United States Capitol, so that we do not risk perpetuating the myths of white supremacy to a new, more diverse, more inclusive generation of Americans. I strongly support efforts in the Georgia General Assembly to replace the state's statue of Alexander Stephens in Statuary Hall with one honoring my predecessor and friend, the late Honorable John Lewis. Congressman Lewis challenged the historical status quo in the South by championing civil and human rights through peaceful, dramatic, nonviolent action, dating from his tenure as president of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and including his 17 terms serving in this House.

I am also proud to join two other bills important to my constituents.

H.R. 2975, the Women's Health Protection Act, offered by the gentlewoman from California, Ms. CHU, prohibits states like Georgia from restricting access to abortion services. Georgia has some of the most restrictive abortion laws in the country, but my constituents deserve to make their own choices regarding their health.

Lastly, H.R. 5349, the Protect SNAP Act, was introduced by the gentlewoman from Connecticut, Ms. DELAURO. This bill prohibits the administration from limiting access to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as food stamps. Last year, the administration announced a plan to make nearly 700,000 people ineligible for food assistance. We know SNAP is critical to making sure that children in the richest country in the world have food in their stomachs, and it would be doubly irresponsible to deny them help during a pandemic and recession. Congress must do all it can to ensure this vital program is strengthened and expanded, not cut.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to represent the people of Georgia's 5th Congressional District. I believe these bills to be some of the critically important measures this body should be considering and passing to help the American people through this difficult time.

DEMOCRAT ELECTION THEFT EXPERT DESCRIBES HOW HE DOES IT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BROOKS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, as an overview, House Speaker NANCY PELOSI, without a floor vote, has dictated that we wear a mask while speaking on the House floor or we will be silenced; hence, my mask.

Madam Speaker, this is my seventh speech in a series on voter fraud, election theft, and the presidential election.

Today, I continue citing an August 29, 2020, New York Post expose that reveals the sordid underbelly of voter fraud and election theft that plague American elections.

The New York Post, after confirming a Democrat election thief expert's "rap sheet and long history working as a

consultant to various campaigns,” reveals his stunning election theft strategies and view that “election fraud is more the rule than the exception.”

The Democrat election theft expert steals elections at nursing homes, stating: “Hitting up assisted-living facilities and helping the elderly fill out their absentee ballots was a gold mine of votes. There are nursing homes where the nurse is actually a paid operative. They literally fill the ballot out for them.”

The Democrat election theft expert steals elections by exploiting weak voter identification laws.

“The Democrat election theft expert would send operatives to vote in polling stations, particularly in States likes New Jersey and New York that do not require voter ID.”

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The Democrat election expert describes how he deploys his election theft team:

You fill out these index cards with that person's name and district, and you go around the city and say: You are going to be him. You are going to be him.

At the polling place, the fake voter would sign in and vote.

The imposters re-create the signature that already appears in the voter roll as best they could. In the rare instance that a real voter had already signed in and cast a ballot, the impersonator would just chalk it up to an innocent mistake and bolt.

The Democrat election theft expert steals elections at homeless shelters, which offer a nearly inexhaustible pool of reliable—buyable—voters.

Laughing at the roughly \$174 per vote Mike Bloomberg spent to win his third mayoral term, he said he could have delivered the same result at a 70 percent discount.

Madam Speaker, voter fraud and election theft increasingly rot at the foundation of America's republic: our elections.

Voting by illegal aliens and other noncitizens is rampant and flipping elections because socialist Democrats have made it illegal to require proof of citizenship when illegal aliens and other noncitizens demand to be registered to vote.

This year, at a minimum, hundreds of thousands and, more likely, millions of illegal aliens and other noncitizens voted after Joe Biden openly promised amnesty and citizenship if he is elected President.

Vote-by-mail schemes are both horribly prone to voter fraud and illegal because they violate Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution and Congress' ensuing designation, with minor exceptions, of one 24-hour day as the election day during which citizens can vote. Congress could have but did not create an election week, an election month, or an election season.

Madam Speaker, the overwhelming and irrefutable evidence compels but one conclusion: If only lawful votes cast by eligible American citizens are counted, then Donald Trump won the electoral college.

In 1776 American patriot Thomas Paine said it best:

These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country, but he that stands by it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

Madam Speaker, I urge all American patriots to join the fight for America and against dictatorial socialism. Why? Because America is worth fighting for.

As such, on January 6, 2021, provided the required one Senator joins me, I will move to reject electoral college submissions of all States whose election systems are so badly flawed as to render their vote submissions unreliable, untrustworthy, and unworthy of acceptance.

TRIBUTE TO PHIL ROE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, PHIL ROE, Representative of Tennessee's First District, as he chooses to end this chapter in his life and return to being a private citizen.

On television, many Americans are left with the impression that the U.S. House of Representatives is a place of constant combat. Naturally, over the past two centuries, the House has seen many great debates about the future of our Nation.

Debate at its essence is about passionately arguing for your preferred course of action. The beauty of the people's House and the reason that former Speaker Longworth described the House as coming nearer reflecting at all time the popular will than does any other individual or legislative body in this or any other country is that we debate in earnest, yet we do so with a premium on civility. But, alas, as I say, many Americans are left, based on the evening cable entertainment shows, with the opposite impression.

My experience over the past 6 years is that this Chamber is, in fact, a place where the great issues of the day are debated and where, through that work and debate, firm friendships are established. Those friendships extend across the aisle, across cultures, and across generations.

Over the past 6 years, I have come to have the greatest respect for one of my colleagues who, after 12 years, has elected to leave the House and return to that most basic title that we all hold with honor, that of citizen.

During the course of these years, I recognize my friend, PHIL ROE, Representative of Tennessee's First District, as a man of high character, immense intellect, and great loyalty. His loyalty to the people of the Tri-Cities of east Tennessee is shown in his daily spirit.

His loyalty, passion, and care for his fellow veterans have overflowed in his role as chairman of the House Vet-

erans' Affairs Committee and currently as ranking member. He has never forgotten his service in the U.S. Army in the Medical Corps, where he was stationed in Korea.

He has never forgotten his constituents, who enjoy a livelihood in the thriving region in and around Johnson City, Tennessee.

For three decades, prior to coming to Congress, PHIL was an OB/GYN. He claims, Madam Speaker, that his terrific record of public service and local office, including being mayor of Johnson City, were essential to his preparation for and success in earning a seat in Congress. But we all know better, Madam Speaker. We know that simply delivering the vast majority of your constituents is a surefire way to be successfully elected.

As a Christian, PHIL sets a high standard and is a stalwart in the annual National Prayer Breakfast preparation and our weekly Thursday morning bipartisan fellowship, where he never hesitates to bring his guitar and share his musical talents. There must be something in the water in Bristol, Tennessee, home of country music.

It is true that PHIL and I bonded over critical national defense policy, accountability and excellence in care for our veterans, and his solutions for market-based policies that would lead to more affordable healthcare for all Americans. But we grew up as Scouts, so our real mutual love is for the outdoors. To this day, decades later, we share a love of backpacking, camping, and hiking in the mountains.

In fact, in 2019, both of us were so excited that Congress passed, and President Trump signed into law, new national wilderness areas in each of our districts. For me, I was able to add acreage to Flatside Wilderness and commence a formal study of the area. For PHIL, it was adding nearly 20,000 acres of some of the wildest pockets of Cherokee National Forest in east Tennessee to the wilderness system.

We both share an amazing affection for that long day at high-altitude above the treeline. One evening in Maine, after a delicious dinner, we agreed, hey, let's get up in the morning and go climb the highest mountain on the eastern seaboard and hike the end of the Appalachian Trail. We will climb and retrace the steps of Henry David Thoreau's attempt to climb Mount Katahdin.

Sure enough, we were true to our word. We got up at 3 a.m. and drove from the coast to the trailhead, arriving at 7 a.m. We spent one of the most memorable days on the trail that I can recall. The summit of Mount Katahdin was pea soup, but you can tell from our smiles that the long trek up and down was worth every step.

Congressman ROE, you have fought the good fight. You have kept the faith. And like every good Scout, you have left your campsite cleaner than when you found it. Now it is time for a few less cross fires and a few more late-night campfires.